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SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF BALL BEARINGS
FROM JAPAN

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1. EMBASSY AND FRANKFURT CONSULATE OFFICERS HAVE
DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM FRG
GOVERNMENTAL AND INDUSTRY SOURCES CONCERNING FRG
IMPORTS OF BALL BEARINGS FROM JAPAN.

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A. IN 1972, TOTAL IMPORTS OF BALL BEARINGS, CONICAL

ROLLER BEARINGS, AND OTHER ROLLER BEARINGS (THE FRG DID NOT IMPORT ANY NEEDLE BEARINGS FROM JAPAN IN 1972) INTO THE FRG AMOUNTED TO DM223.6 MILLION OF WHICH DM83.6 MILLION OR 37.4 PERCENT WERE FROM JAPAN. OF THE TOTAL DM223.6 MILLION IMPORTS, DM141 MILLION ARE CLASSIFIED AS BALL BEARINGS, OF WHICH DM 78.1 MILLION OR 55.4 PERCENT CAME FROM JAPAN.

B. BOTH INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MAINTAIN THERE ARE NO FORMAL OR INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS RESTRICTING JAPANESE IMPORTS INTO THE FRG.

2. COMMENT. THE QUESTION OF INFORMAL INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENTS IN THE FRG IS A SENSITIVE ONE SINCE EXISTENCE OF SUCH AGREEMENTS COULD VIOLATE THE FRG ANTI-CARTEL LAW. FOR THAT REASON IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY ANY GOVERNMENT OR INDUSTRY OFFICIAL WOULD CONFIRM THEIR EXISTENCE IF IN FACT THEY EXIST AS INDICATED BY PARA 2 OF REFTTEL.
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